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SUBJ: FINAL ELECTION RESULTS

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1. WITH 3875 OUT OF A TOTAL OF 4027 PARISHES HAVING REPORTED,
THE ELECTION BOARD ANNOUNCED AT 5 PM LOCAL APRIL 26 THE
UNOFFICIAL FINAL RESULTS OF THE ELECTION AS FOLLOWS:

PARTY	PERCENTAGE	ASSURED SEATS
SOCIALIST (PS)	37.82	88

PPD	26.41	55
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COMMUNIST (PCP)	12.54	24
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CDS	7.60	10
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MDP	4.12	3
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FSP	1.18
MES	1.03
UDP	.79
FEC	.57
PPM	.56
PUP	.23
LCI	.19

2. FINAL FIGURES ON THE ALLOCATION OF THE 247 CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY SEATS HAVE NOT BEEN RELEASED YET, BUT OBSERVERS HAVE NOTED THE STRENGTH SHOWN BY THE PS IN NUMBERS OF ASSURED SEATS WON SO FAR. THIS HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY TRUE IN THE INDUSTRIAL TOWNS WHERE THE PCP WAS EXPECTED TO HAVE A CLEAR ADVANTAGE. HOWEVER THE RESULTS IN LISBON (PS-24; PCP-10), SETUBAL (PS-5; PCP-5), AND PORTO (PS-15; PCP-2) HAVE DEMONSTRATED PS SUPPORT IN TERRITORY PCP CONSIDERED ITS OWN. A SIMILAR RESULT HAS OCCURRED IN THE ALENTEJO REGION, WHERE THE PCP WAS REPORTEDLY VERY STRONG. THE OUTCOME IN EVORA (PS-3; PCP-2) AND BEJA (PS-3; PCP-3) SHOWED SOCIALIST VOTE-GETTING POWER.

3. THE SOCIALISTS ALSO DEMONSTRATED UNEXPECTED STRENGTH IN THE CONSERVATIVE NORTHERN DISTRICTS, WHERE THEY HAD FEARED THAT THE CHURCH'S CALL FOR A VOTE AGAINST ALL MARXIST PARTIES WOULD HURT THEM. SO FAR THE PS HAS PICKED UP THREE SEATS IN BRAGA, ONE IN BRAGANCA, AND ONE IN VILA REAL.

4. AS EXPECTED, PPD SCORED OVERWHELMING VICTORY IN THE AZORES WITH FIVE ASSURED DEPUTIES TO SOCIALISTS ONE.

5. SATURDAY AFTERNOON PAPERS ARE HEADLINING RESULTS AS FOLLOWS:
A CAPITAL- "PS IN FRONT IN THE ELECTIONS"

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REPUBLICA - "UNDENIABLE VICTORY OF THE PEOPLE"

JORNAL NOVO- "PROGRESSIVE FORCES WIN"

DIARIO DE LISBOA - "PS IN FRONT"

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